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Declaration and Power of Attorney

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled DETERMINING THE COMPOSITION OF PHYSICAL STRUCTURES FROM BOUNDARY CONDITIONS, INCLUDING THE COMPOSITION OF SUBSCRIBER LOOPS, the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims and any amendments filed therewith.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of an PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

None

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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As a named inventor, I hereby appoint John T. Peoples (Reg. No. 28,250) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office therewith.

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